



## Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

#### Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair  
Suzanne Elefante  
Jennifer Lopez  
Cynthia Schiesel  
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair  
Barbara O'Brien

#### Representing:

Mayor  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

#### Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel  
Stephen Nekolek  
Geoffrey Boyce  
Kathleen May

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department  
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department  
Robert Barton, Police Auditor  
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney's Office  
Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Police Auditor  
Sergeant Sandy Sellers, Tucson Police Department

#### Others Present:

Assistant Police Chief Robinson, Tucson Police Department  
Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department  
Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department  
James Lacey, Citizen  
Roberta Lautenschlager, Citizen  
Sheila Majinez, Citizen  
Ana Smith, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

Chair Thornton, expressed condolences to the family and Tucson Police Department (TPD) for the loss of Officer Hite. Chair Thornton stated, it was truly a tragedy and we were deeply [saddened](#).

**2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting May 20, 2008**

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2008, as presented.

**3. First Call to the Audience**

James Lacey stated he was at the May 20, 2008 meeting and spoke about his mother's murder, disappearance and the mishandling of the investigation. He asked if anything had been discussed.

Discussion ensued by the Board regarding Mr. Lacey's request. The board asked if the issue had been looked at. Bob Barton, Independent Police Auditor (IPA) and Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department (TPD) both stated there was ongoing discussion, but because this item was not on the agenda it was inappropriate to discuss any further. [Suzanne Elephante](#) requested the issue be included on the next meeting agenda.

Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney stated that if an issue arises from Call to the Audience it could be considered under the Tucson City Code sections:

- 10A-88 – Citizens complaints and considers; power and duties
- 10A-93 – Limitations of powers.

Mr. Greene, advised the board to keep in mind the Tucson City Code when fashioning what item could be on the next meeting agenda.

**4. Presentation: Crimes Against Persons and Cold Case issuing.**

Captain Bob Shoun, introduced Captain Bill Richards from the Crimes against Persons Division. Captain Bill Richards spoke about how investigations and Cold Cases are forwarded to detectives in his division, issued and presented to the County Attorney's Office.

**5. Office of the Independent Police Auditor**

- A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the Office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

In May 2008, the outreach efforts of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) met with Mr. Carlos Romero from Ward 1 to discuss the

resources available through (IPA). Robert Barton, Police Auditor stated that the IPA had met with all the wards except with Ward 2.

Mr. Barton, Police Auditor stated Liana Perez made a presentation at the Citizens' Police Academy that occurred regularly at the training center. And Mr. Barton also said he attended a Bio Space Policing Committee meeting at the office of Assistant Chief Levitt. He was asked to give a perspective of the office as the Bio Space Policing Committee was compiling data and looking at how they going to move forward their researches internally.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Police Auditor, stated the office received twelve inquires, four complaints, and conducted a review of seven files that were closed by Internal Affairs. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of eighteen fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by Internal Affairs.

Chair Thornton, asked [Mr. Barton if in his meeting with Ward 1, he happened to mention the issue with the vacancy in Ward 1.](#) Mr. Barton, Police Auditor stated that he did not.

## **6. Tucson Police Department:**

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

[Captain Bob Shoun stated he had no report to give, but wanted to introduce Assistant Police Chief Cathy Robinson.](#)

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

No report given.

## **7. Recess**

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to forego recess.

**8. Random Review of TPD Investigations:**

1. Case#07-0629

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case #07-0629 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case # 08-0138

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case #08-0138 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case #07-0808

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 2, to find Case #07-0808 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

**9. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for April, May as reported on 5/1/2008, 6/1/2008.**

For the month of April 2008, as reported on 5/1/2008 under Item #10 Jennifer Lopez asked if the “Thank you comments” were passed up the chain of command. Ms. Meridith Grieke stated that they were.

For the month of May 2008, as reported on 6/1/2008, there was no discussion by the Board. Chair Thornton stated there were many comments made on the Mayor and Council line regarding Police funding. [Chair Thornton made the decision](#) to not [have multiple pages](#) added to the packets, but asked Ms. Grieke [to compile](#) a list of comments made [and](#) the characteristics of the comments. She said if a Board member wanted to [review](#) the actual comments made they would [be made](#) available. Ms. Grieke, from the Police Department stated that [she had](#) put a star by the comments that were [about](#) Police funding. She said about two thirds of the comments were [for increased](#) funding, and [one third supportive of the budget](#) of Mayor and Council.

**10. CPARB Subcommittee Reports**

1. Brochure

No report given.

2. Outreach

Vice Chair Murrieta asked the Board if anybody had comment about proposed changes that the subcommittee made to the Rules and Regulations. Vice Chair Murrieta, stated that he was not sure if the board should combine their efforts with the further direction of CPARB. Suzzane Elefante stated she was meeting with Elizabeth Bokka-Smith, one of the original designers of CPARB on Thursday to put a small educational presentation together for the CPARB members. She said she felt once the presentation was given everyone would understand how CPARB came about and it would help to make decisions for the future. It was agreed by the board to wait until after the presentation to discuss any proposed changes.

3. Training

Cynthia Schiesel, stated that the subcommittee had several proposals for Training day. The first topic would deal with multiple complaints, how TPD handles multiple complaints from individuals or groups. In particular, examine the cases involved with a recent complainant. Ms. Schiesel stated that training committee did not believe the topic should be handled at a regular board meeting. The subcommittee also suggested presentations from the Major Theft Offenders division. Ms. Schiesel suggested the Board consider two half day programs instead of a full day. It was agreed upon by the Board the training day session would be one full day and the date would be the first Saturday of November. It will take place at the Police Academy if available. Suzzane Elefante, stated that if the budget would not be able to provide lunch, she would provide the food for the training day if someone could pick it up and bring it. The Board will consider topics for the Training Day at future meetings, but requested that scenarios and activities be included in the day.

**11. Second Call to the Audience**

There were no speakers.

**12. Report from the Chair/Announcements**

- Chair Thornton asked the Board to send her any address/email corrections via e-mail at [cparbchair1@yahoo.com](mailto:cparbchair1@yahoo.com).

**13. Future Agenda Items**

- Chair Thornton suggested a future agenda item about polygraph testing.

**14. Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.**

Motioned and duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to adjourn.